

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**CUA OPERATING REQUIREMENTS**  
**for**  
**Sport Fishing Charters**

**PERMITTED SEASON DATES**

Isle Royale is open to charter fishing excursions beginning April 16 and ending October 31 each year.

**PERMITTED AREA**

**Permittee is authorized to operate on Lake Superior waters ONLY.**

Permittee is authorized to fish Lake Superior waters within the park as follows: Siskiwit Bay area from a line running south from the east end of Schooner Island, west to Rock of Ages, thence northeast along the north shore of Isle Royale to a line running north from Kamloops Point.

**CLOSED AREA**

Permittee is not authorized to operate on the inland lakes of the park.

All park waters east of Kamloops Point on the north of Isle Royale and east of Schooner Island on the south shore are restricted for the exclusive use of Forever Resorts (formerly National Park Concessions, Inc.), and non-commercial sport fishermen.

Waters in the Rock of Ages/Washington Harbor area previously closed to charter operations are open. Forever Resorts, which has exclusive contractual rights to use these waters if they choose to for fishing, retains the right to use this area. If Forever Resorts elects to expand their charter fishing operations to the west end of the park, these areas would again be closed to all other commercial fishing operators. This is not expected to happen, however, within the foreseeable future.

**REQUIRED CAMPING PERMITS**

Permittee must obtain a **CAMPING PERMIT** for **ANY OVERNIGHT USE** within Isle Royale National Park. Permits must be obtained in person **BEFORE** camping. This requirement applies regardless of where the overnight use occurs within the park (whether camped at docks, shelters, or anchoring out). Permits are available online at <http://www.pasty.com/~isro/nps.php> or from the Windigo, Rock Harbor, and Houghton Visitor Centers.

**Overnight docking is prohibited at National Park Service docks from the second Saturday in July through the third Saturday in August. Permittee must anchor out during this period if remaining in park waters overnight.** Permittee is authorized to utilize park campsites and shelters during this time period, but not docks. Outside of these restricted dates, permittee is authorized to dock overnight at park docks.

During the entire operating season, permittee is allowed to occupy only one shelter/campsite per night.

### **PARTY SIZE LIMIT**

Maximum party size for **day use** allowed under this permit is eight people, which includes captain and crew.

Whenever permittee conducts an **overnight charter** with more than six people, including captain and crew, overnight use is limited to the main dock at Windigo and the associated campsite at Washington Creek. Use of other docks or campgrounds, such as Beaver Island or Grace Island, is prohibited throughout the operating season whenever a trip includes more than six people since there are no designated "group" campsites at these locations.

### **COLLECTION OF PARK DAILY USER FEE**

Permittee is required to collect the NPS daily user fee from all of permittee's customers. The fee is \$4 per person per day. Children under 12 and persons holding an Isle Royale Individual Season Pass are exempt from the user fee. There are no discounts for special user groups. Permittee is required to complete a CUA Trip Fee Voucher (Attachment D) for each trip to the park. Vouchers and fees collected shall be mailed to the park budget office using a standard transmittal letter (Attachment E). The fees (including vouchers) are due in the park Budget Office no later than the 15th day of the month following the month in which they were collected.

### **NOISE ABATEMENT**

Since Isle Royale National Park is a wilderness park, permittee is expected to make every reasonable effort to minimize noise associated with operations. Onboard generators may only be operated between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. EDT at **designated** locations. Even during these hours, if docked, generator use should be kept to a minimum. These time restrictions are necessary in order to mitigate noise impacts on other park users.

**REQUIRED MARINE RADIO EQUIPMENT**

Each vessel must have an operable, FCC acceptable, marine radio capable of communicating on channels 6, 9, 16, 22, and 68. In addition, the operator is required to monitor channel 16 whenever in Isle Royale waters.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT**

At all times, permittee's vessel must have onboard the following items:

- Valid U.S. Coast Guard License, or Canadian equivalent if applicable, covering commercial operations
- Required USCG, or Canadian equivalent if applicable, safety equipment
- NOAA Loran C overprinted chart #14968 and Isle Royale chart #14976
- Copy of their Isle Royale National Park Commercial Use Authorization Permit
- Valid State of Michigan Sport Trolling License

**RESOURCE PROTECTION**

It is National Park Service policy to:

- Protect the opportunity of natural systems to operate without significant human interruption. The Service is mandated to preserve the natural aquatic habitat and the natural abundance, age, and size distribution of native aquatic species.
- Manage sport angling so that human uses do not directly compete with or displace natural predators/scavengers.
- Improve Fisheries Education, Outreach, and Angler Ethics. Promote recreational fisheries as a renewable resource by encouraging non-consumptive methods such as catch and release.

Permittee is required to ascertain that all clients have valid State of Michigan fishing licenses, and that all clients comply with Federal and State of Michigan fishing regulations. Permittee is expected to actively promote angler ethics and the protection of park resources.

**REQUIREMENT TO CLEAR CUSTOMS**

Every person entering the United States from Canada must first pass through an U.S. Customs and Immigration inspection. This is true regardless of the nationality of the individual or purpose of the visit. Inspection stations are located at the Windigo and Rock Harbor Visitor Centers.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Permittee is required to prepare and submit an Annual Report. This report must be submitted to the Superintendent, Isle Royale National Park, and must be received not later than November 30 each year. All information requested by the Superintendent must be provided, including Gross Annual Receipts.

**SEARCH AND RESCUE COSTS**

Permittee will reimburse the National Park Service, Isle Royale National Park, for all costs incurred by the Service in providing search and rescue services to the permittee or permittee's customers.

**COMPLIANCE WITH OPERATING REQUIREMENTS**

Failure to comply with these operating requirements will result in revocation of the Commercial Use Authorization Permit for a minimum period of one year. Violation of park regulations may result in the issuance of a Federal Violation Notice.